production of Ordnance Factory Ambazari in the last 5 years has been as under:—

1989-90 ..... Rs. 118.65 crore
1990-91 ..... Rs. 116.88 crore
1991-92 ..... Rs. 67.81 crore
1992-93 ..... Rs. 86.35 crore
1993-94 ..... Rs. 102.41 crore (Provisional)

The production which had dipped in 1991 - 92 has been increasing since 1992-93 and is expected to be about Rs. 120 crore in 1994-95.

(c) and (d) Due to shift in the items required by the Army, some of the established production capacities could not be fully utilised. Since 1992-93 manufacture of new items of defence hardware as also items for civil trade have been taken up to increase turnover of the factory.

Amount paid from Defence Estimates to civilian services

3131. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount paid from Defence estimates to the civilian services during the last three years;

(b) whether such payments have been duly audited;

(c) whether the audit reports of the payments have been analysed; and

(d) whether the irregularities, if any, have been taken care of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The total amount paid from Defence Services Estimates to the Civilian Services/Establishments on account of Pay and Allowances during the last three years is as under:

Year	Amount (Rupees in crores)
1991-92	1497.75
1992-93	1678.12
1993-94	1903.57

(b) to (d) Audit of such payments have been carried out for the years 1991-92 and 1992-93 and results are included in the Appropriation Accounts of the Defence Services and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for these years. The amount shown for the year 1993-94 is, however, as per provisional accounts. The payments to the Civilian Services/Establishments paid from Defence Services Estimates are subjected to internal audit as per existing orders/instructions by the Defence Accounts Department. The audit reports are analysed and the results are included in the Certificate of the DGD A incorporated as Section III to Appropriation Accounts of the Defence Services, presented to Parliament every year. The payments are also subject to test audit by Comptroller and Auditor General.

Necessary measures are taken to remedy the irregularities, if any, noticed in internal audit as well as test audit.

Relaxation on licence to defence equipment exporters

3132. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to give certain relaxation in the matter of issuing export licence to private sector for exporting defence equipments; and

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Consequent to a change made in April 1993, there is no requirement now of obtaining a licence for export of military stores produced in the private sector. However, a "no objection certificate' from the Department of Defence Production & Supplies is required to be obtained, which is liberally given subject to the country's strategic and political concerns. Requests for involvement of private sector companies in export of items produced by ordnance factories and defence public sector undertakings are also favourably considered.